

## Claims

1 1. A remote control for controlling a consumer electronic device  
2 comprising:

3 a transmitter for transmitting an electromagnetic signal to  
4 the consumer electronic device to cause the consumer electronic  
5 device to download information to the consumer electronic device;

6 a receiver for receiving an electromagnetic signal from the  
7 consumer electronic device which indicates the status of a download  
8 process; and

9 a progress/status indicator for indicating the status of the  
10 download process.

11 2. The remote control according to claim 1, wherein the  
12 progress/status indicator is a bar which indicates the percent  
13 completion of the download process.

14 3. The remote control according to claim 1 or 2, wherein the  
15 progress/status indicator includes alphanumeric characters for  
16 indicating the percent completion of the download process.

17 4. The remote control according to Claim 1 or 2, further  
18 including an alarm for indicating completion of the download  
19 process.

1 5. The remote control according to claim 1 or 2, further  
2 including a personalization feature which personalizes the  
3 progress/status indicator.

1 6. An interactive television system operable for watching  
2 television programs and accessing a data source, comprising:  
3 a device for accessing the data source, the device including  
4 a transmitter for transmitting progress/status information;  
5 a remote control for controlling the interactive television  
6 system and for receiving the progress/status information, the  
7 remote control including a status display for displaying on the  
8 remote control the progress/status information received from the  
9 device.

1 7. An interactive television system as claimed in claim 6,  
2 further including a display for displaying television programs.

1 8. An interactive television system as claimed in claim 7,  
2 further including a device for switching between displaying a  
3 television program and accessing the data source.

1 9. An interactive television system as claimed in claim 6,  
2 further including an alarm feature on the remote control which  
3 indicates some information about the progress/status information.

1 10. An interactive television system as claimed in claim 6 further  
2 including a personalization feature on the remote control which  
3 personalizes the progress/status indicator.

1 11. A remote control for controlling a consumer electronics device,  
2 comprising :  
3 a two way communication capability; and  
4 a status indicator for indicating the status of an electronic  
5 wallet.

1 12. The remote control as claimed in claim 11, wherein the e-  
2 wallet is stored locally in the remote control.

1 13. The remote control as claimed in claim 11, further including  
2 an alarm for indicating when the funds in the e-wallet have reached  
3 a certain amount.

1 14. The remote control as claimed in claim 11, further including a  
2 personalization feature for personalizing the status indicator.

1 15. The remote control as claimed in claim 11, wherein the e-  
2 wallet is stored in a device which communicates directly with the  
3 remote control.

1 16. The remote control as claimed in claim 7, where the e-wallet  
2 is stored on a remote server.

1 17. A data storage access device, comprising:  
2 a remote control;  
3 a transmitter for communicating with the remote control;  
4 a progress/status indicator located on the remote control  
5 which indicates the status of a download process.

1 18. A mouse for communicating with a computer, comprising:  
2 a transmitter for transmitting signals to the computer;  
3 a receiver for receiving signals from the computer;  
4 a progress/status indicator for indicating the status of a download  
5 process.

1 19. A mouse as claimed in claim 12, wherein the progress/status  
2 indicator indicates the status of an e-wallet.